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PRODUCTION OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of paddy in the country including Kerala during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the cultivable land for paddy is shrinking;

(c) if so, the details thereof including area of cultivation of paddy in the State during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the scanty rainfall and storage shortage has resulted in lower output of paddy production;

(e) the loss incurred by the farmers in the country including Kerala during the last three years, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The estimated production of paddy at all India level vis-Ã -vis its production in the State of Kerala during the last three years i.e. 2005-06 to 2007-08 is given in the table below:

(Million Tonnes)

Year	Production of Paddy	
	All India	Kerala
2005-06	137.69	0.94
2006-07	140.03	0.95
2007-08	145.04	0.79

(b) & (c): During the past few years, the area coverage under paddy at all-India level has not declined. However, there has been slight dip in the area under paddy in the State of Kerala during 2006-07 and 2007-08. The details of area coverage under paddy at all India level vis-Ã -vis in the State of Kerala during the years 2005-06 to 2008-09 are given in the table below:

(Lakh Hectares)

Crop	Area of Paddy/Rice	
	All India	Kerala

2005-06 436.60 2.76

2006-07 438.14 2.64

2007-08 439.14 2.29

2008-09 453.52 2.34

4th advance estimates

(d) to (f): The average rainfall in the country as a whole during the last three years has been normal and the total production of rice at all India level has been increasing. As per reports received from the Government of Kerala, there was no drought like situation in the State during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. During 2008-09, there was a deficit rainfall in all 13 districts of the State and paddy crop in a few districts was affected. However, there was no significant impact on the overall productivity of paddy in the State and production of paddy during 2008-09 has been slightly higher as compared to the previous year. The State-wise details of production of paddy during the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

For increasing production and productivity of rice, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice) is under implementation in 14 States of the country including Kerala. The NFSM-Rice aims at increasing production of rice in the country by 10 million tonnes by the end of 11th Plan, i.e., 2011-12. Besides, a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) is being implemented in the Non-NFSM-Rice districts in the country.